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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Creation of Andhra Province.

*Q.5.- Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur: "Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether the Government have received any information from the Central Government regarding the creation of Andhra Province ?"

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan (on behalf of the Hon. Sri O.P. Ramaswamy Reddiar):-"The answer is in the negative."

Sri B.S. Murthi:-"Now that the Andhra Province is in the offing, may I request the Hon. Premier to appoint a separate department . . . . ."

Mr. Speaker:-"The Hon. Member is making a request; he is not putting a supplementary question-"

Sri B.S. Murthi:-"May I ask the Hon. Minister whether a separate Secretariat will be formed even now, so that when the Province is bifurcated, it will be easy to carry preliminary works, without spending much time over it ?"

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:-"I might remind the Hon. Gentleman that this is a matter entirely for the Government of India and this Government have taken every step that is necessary for this purpose. They have communicated not merely the resolution that was passed on the floor of this House but also the speeches made by various hon. Gentlemen on this question. I believe the Government of India have in their possession all these documents and I am sure they will take necessary steps when the time arrives for the separation of the Province."

Sri B.S. Murthi:-"May I request . . . . . "

Mr. Speaker:-"The Hon. Member should not make a request; he may put a supplementary question."

Sri B.S. Murthi:-"Is it not a fact that the Hon. Prime Minister of India has declared in the Dominion Parliament that the establishment of the Andhra Province is a settled fact and it will be formed soon ? In view of this declaration, is it not desirable that the Madras Govt. which is very anxious to see that the Andhras' desire is satisfied should set up

a separate Secretariat for making things easy ?".

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:-"As far as the Govt. of Madras are concerned, they have no official information."

Sri A. Vedaratnam Pillai:-"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state when we can expect the linguistic provinces to be established and what are the linguistic provinces that would be formed ?"

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:-"The Hon. Gentleman is as much aware as I am of the resolution passed on the floor of this House which suggested that this Province would be divided into linguistic units and that resolution has gone up to the Government of India who are in possession of it. It is for them to take any further action that is necessary to give effect to that resolution."

Sri Guntur Narasimha Rao:-"As the formation of the Andhra Province has been contemplated, has there been any reference from the Central Government with regard to the formation of that Province and to the Provincial Government with regard to the formation of that Province and has the advice of the Madras Government been sought by the Central Government ?".

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:- "I have already explained that there is no information from the Government of India to the Government of Madras, with regard to the division of this Province into linguistic units.".

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The question was answered in the Assembly on 29-1-1948 - vide ~~p.7 c.f.~~. The printed proceedings may be awaited, R.D. 1-3-48.

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Please see the printed proceedings of the Madras Legislative Assembly at p. 8 and. No further action is called for on this. The papers may be recorded in a G.O. for future guidance.

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